Registration of Farmers/Exporters with Apeda

3107. SHRIMATI MEIRA KUMAR: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) the criteria for registering small farmer as exporters with the Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA); and

(b) the number of farmers registered with APEDA so far, product-wise and State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI BOLLA BULLI RAMAIAH): (a) There is no separate criterion for registering small farmers as exporters with Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA). As per Section 12(1) of the Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority Act, 1985, (2 of 1986) readwith Rule 9 of the Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority Rules, 1986, every person exporting any one or more items covered by the schedule to the APEDA Act, 1985 shall, before the expiration of one month from the date on which he undertakes such export or before the expiration of three months from the date of coming into force of this section, whichever is later, apply to the Authority to be registered as an exporter of scheduled product or products. Every application for registration as an exporter of scheduled product(s), shall be made to the Secretary or any officer authorised in this behalf by APEDA in the prescribed form and shall be accompanied by a certificate regarding applicant's status as well as fee of Rs. 25/- payable by a money order or demand draft in favour of the Authority or by Indian Postal Order payable to the Authority at a post office in New Delhi.

(b) No separate date is maintained for the farmers registerd as exporters with APEDA. Productwise and statewise data is also not maintained. The data is being maintained on the basis of merchant or manufacturer exporter. As on 31.12.96, there were 10333 merchant exporters and 1292 manufacturer exporters registered with APEDA.

Gramin Bank

3108. SHRI S.P. JAISWAL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposed to provide an amount of Rs. 21.10 crores to the Kashi Gramin Bank in the second phase of reconstitution of regional rural banks; and

(b) if so, the circumstances leading to striking off the name of Kashi Gramin Bank from the final list and the time by which the required capital is likely to be provided to this bank?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M.P. VEERENDRA KUMAR): (a) and (b) Kashi Gramin Bank was one of the Regional Rural Banks (RRBs) selected for provision of equity support during 1995-96. However, due to revision in the budgetary allocation for recapitalisation of RRBs from Rs. 300 crores to Rs. 223.57 crores, capital infusion to some of the selected RRBs including Kashi Gramin Bank could not take place during the year 1995-96. An amount of Rs. 10.05 crores, as Government of India's share (50% out of the total requirement of Rs. 21.10 crores) has since been released to Kashi Gramin Bank.

Gross Domestic Product

3109. SHRI SRIBALLAV PANIGRAHI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the Gross Domestic Product in the country, broad sector-wise in 1995-96;

(b) the estimated growth during the year 1996-97;

(c) whether Central Statistical Organisation has expected 4 per cent growth in agriculture and 8 to 9 per cent growth in Industry;

(d) if so, the reasons for the present recession; and

(e) the steps the Government propose to take to contain such statistical information?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M.P. VEERENDRA KUMAR): (a) and (b) The quick estimates of GDP for different sectors for the year 1995-96 and advance estimate of GDP for the year 1996-97 at 1980-81 prices as released by the Central Statistical Organization (CSO) are indicated in the attached statement along with corresponding growth rates.

(c) to (e) It would be observed from the Annexure that the C.S.O. has assumed a growth rate of 3.7 per cent for agriculture, forestry and fishing; 1.7 per cent for mining and quarrying; 10.6 per cent for manufacturing and 4.6 per cent for construction for the advance estimates of GDP for the year 1996-97. These growth rates are consistent with recent trends of production of these sectors.

The Economic Survey 1996-97 presented to the Parliament a few days ago provides a detailed and balanced account of the current state of the economy.

STATEMENT

Estimates of Gross Domestic product at factor cost by kind of economic activity for the years 1995-96 and 1996-97

	Industry	At 1980-81 Prices 1995-96 (Quick Est.) (Rs. Crores)	1996-97 (Adv. Est.)	Percentage change over previous year 1995-96	1996-97
	1	2	3	4	5
1.	Agriculture, forestry & fishing	73628	76359	-0.1	3.7
2.	Mining & quarrying	5210	5298	7.0	1.7
3.	Manufacturing	61119	67621	13.6	10.6
4.	Electricity, gas & water supply	7225	7529	9.1	4.2
5.	Construction	11836	12377	5.3	4.6
6.	Trade, hotels, transport and communication	54972	60158	13.3	9.4
7.	Financing, insurance, real estate & business services	30866	32812	4.0	6.3
8.	Community, social & personal services	29353	30779	6.2	4.9
	Total gross domestic product at factor cost	274209	292933	7.1	6.8

Export of Soyameal to China

3110. SHARIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) the total quantum of soyameal exported and the foreign exchange earned therefrom to China during each of the last three years;

(b) whether China had declined to import soyameal during 1996-97;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor and the total soyameal purchased by China from India during 1996-97; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to boost the export of soyameal.

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI BOLLA BULLI RAMAIAH): (a) and (c) The total quantity and value of Soyameal exported to China during the last three years is as follows:-

Year	Quantity (MTs)	Value (Rs. in lakhs)
1993-94	13852	743
1994-95	12230	848
1995-96	111990	8337
1996-97 (April-July. '96)	93185	7652

(Source: DGCI & S CALCUTTA)

(b) No, Sir.

(d) To enhance production and productivity of oilseeds including soyabean, Technology Mission on Oilseeds was launched in 1986. Some of the steps taken to enhance export are:-

(i) participation in International seminars/workshops;

(ii) sponsoring delegations abroad; and

(iii) arranging buyer seller meets.

[Translation]

Smuggling Through Nepal

3111. SHRI SUSHIL CHANDRA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the incidents of smuggling from Nepal have been reported;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the Nepal Government has accepted the fact of smuggling from Nepal to India; and

(c) if so, the steps taken to prevent smuggling from Nepal to India?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M.P. VEERENDRA KUMAR): (a) Anti smuggling agencies have detected cases of smuggling on Indo Nepal Border. Seizure statistics are as follows:-